

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-16 and 19-24 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 8, 15 and 16 are amended. Support for the amendments is found Figs. 4A-4C. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Rendón and his supervisor at the interview held October 17, 2007, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

**I. §102 Rejection**

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 8-10 and 13-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,623,358 to Harima. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed during the personal interview, independent claims 1, 8, 15 and 16 each recite, *inter alia*, each of the plurality of effect objects shows at least a respective sequence of a part of the first object in a continuous motion.

Harima discloses at col. 6, lines 40-42 and col. 7, lines 3-5 that a hit effect is generated so as to have a color, a form, a size, and a disappearing speed. Harima also discloses at col. 8, lines 59-65 and col. 9, lines 6-11 that the hit effect is a particle. See Figs. 2 and 3. Fig. 4 shows flames as hit effects, and Fig. 5 shows particles and an effect showing a kick action. Harima then teaches at col. 7, lines 5-7 that the hit effect is changed according to the attack strength, the attack character, the attack technique such as a kick, a punch or a special technique, or the like.

In other words, Harima's hit effects only show the effects associated with the attacks, and the effects themselves do not include a part of the attacking or attacked character. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Harima's hit effects do not show at least a respective sequence of a part of the first object, as recited in independent claims 1, 8, 15 and

16. Moreover, Harima does not teach or suggest that each hit effect is a part of a continuous motion. Therefore, Harima does not teach or suggest that each of the plurality of effect objects shows at least a respective sequence in a continuous motion, as recited in independent claims 1, 8, 15 and 16. Accordingly Applicants, respectfully submit that claims 1, 8, 15 and 16 are patentable over Harima.

Dependent claims 2, 3, 9, 10, 13, 14, 19 and 20 are allowable at least for their dependence on their allowable base claims, as well as for the additional features they recite. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

## **II. §103 Rejection**

The Office Action rejects claims 4-6 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Harima in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,211,882 to Pearce; and rejects claims 21-24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Harima in view of one having ordinary skill in the art. These rejections are respectfully traversed.


As discussed in Applicants September 21, 2007 Amendment, claims 4-6, 11 and 21-24 are allowable at least for their dependence on claims 1 and 8, respectively, as well as for additional features they recite. Due to the clearly distinguishing features recited in the independent claims, Applicants do not feel it is necessary to discuss the additional features recited in the dependent claims. However, Applicants do not concede that the features recited therein are supported by the cited prior art. Withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

## **III. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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